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WASHINGTON, DC - Today, U.S. Rep. Michael Arcuri (NY-24) joined Major General Carla Hawley-Bowland, Commanding General, Northern Regional Medical Command and Walter Reed Army Medical Center, to tour the Charles T. Sitrin Health Care Center in New Hartford, in response to Arcuri's request that the Army take a first-hand look at the vast capabilities and services in mental and physical rehabilitation available to returning servicemen and women, and veterans at Sitrin.

"Today's visit by Major General Hawley-Bowland and her staff allowed us to showcase the great opportunities that allow our men and women in uniform to receive the best medical care possible," Arcuri said. "Sitrin offers some of the most innovative and state-of-the-art care in the country and today's visit highlighted that for our nation's key military decision makers. I am glad that we were able to show the Major General and her staff that Upstate New York is on the cutting edge of providing quality care for our veterans."

"We were honored to have Major General Carla Hawley-Bowland visit Sitrin," Sitrin CEO Rick Wison said. "We are grateful to Congressman Michael Arcuri for facilitating this meeting, and enabling us to showcase our services to the U.S. Army through Major General Hawley-Bowland."

On October 19th, 2009, Arcuri wrote to Secretary of the Army John McHugh inviting Army personnel on a tour of Sitrin and explaining the potential the facility has to serve men and women returning from combat in recovering from physical and emotional injuries. On November 12th, 2009, Secretary McHugh replied to Arcuri stating that Major General Carla Hawley-Bowland would tour Sitrin on behalf of the Army. Major General Hawley-Bowland is also the commanding General in charge of Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC and has led the medical center back to prominence after well publicized issues with care prior to her arrival. Major General Hawley-Bowland's position also entails command over Army medical hospitals at West Point and Fort Drum.

Major General Hawley-Bowland is the first female Medical Corps General in the history of the United States Army. She took command of the US Army's Northern Regional Medical Command/Walter Reed Army Medical Center on December 11th, 2007. Headquartered in

Washington, DC, the Northern Regional Medical Command is responsible for the operation of army medical treatment facilities in the northeastern United States. Prior to this assignment, MG Hawley-Bowland commanded the European Regional Medical Command in Heidelberg, Germany, and Pacific Regional Medical Command/Tripler Army Medical Center, headquartered in Honolulu, HI. In addition to this assignment, MG Hawley-Bowland assumed the responsibilities as Chief of the United States Army Medical Corps on August 29th, 2006.



Today, U.S. Rep. Michael Arcuri welcomed Major General Carla Hawley-Bowland, Commanding General of the Northern Regional Medical Command, and her staff to Sitrin Health Center in New Hartford, NY so that they could see firsthand the advances being made at the center in the area of healthcare and rehabilitation for veterans and soldiers returning from war with injuries.

In the photo from left to right: Colonel John Bradley, MD, Walter Reed Medical Center; U.S. Rep. Michael Arcuri; Edward Kowalsky, Board Chairman at Sitrin; Major General Carla G. Hawley-Bowland; Richard Wilson, CEO, Sitrin; Command Sergeant Major James E. Diggs,

Walter Reed Medical Center; Jacqueline Warmuth, Director Clinical Rehabilitative Services, Sitrin; Colonel John Lammie, MD, Walter Reed Medical Center; Lieutenant Colonel Gail Glushko, Ft. Drum.

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